

Extensive building is carried on at the "Pit," for which new machinery has been lately sent, and this factory will start to work again next spring.

The weather is very unsettled; a strong nor'westerly wind has been blowing since two days, accompanied by much rain; thermometer, 24° at 2 p.m., 25° at 10 p.m.

The Tientsin steamers experience much difficulty in crossing the Taku bar, the water being very low, as usual at this season, in consequence of the prevailing nor'westerly winds.—*Shanghai Mercury Correspondent.*

TIEN-TSIN.

The Korean Ambassadors are still here. Li Hung-chang has carried out a point with respect to establishing a Customs service in Korea. The cotton-wool license is not granted to Chang by Li and has not been approved at Peking. The award of this, and took effect on the 1st of December, and is the property of the Central authorities to the provinces of Korea, Peking & Co. thereby dealing an indirect blow at Li Hung-chang. It follows from this that the Korean Ambassadors are running a life against Mr. Kien-chang, changing him with an initiated Chang How in expropriating his instructions. Their contention is that both were guilty of the same fault, and that the latter should be allowed to stay in office.

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PEKING. 17th November.

Here we are in the middle of November and rain is falling. This is something quite unprecedented. We have had however some cold days and nights already, with some snow at intervals. Our thermometer has been 24° at night and 32° during the day.

Among the Chinese the principal topic of conversation is the Yunnan bribery scandal, which implicates several high-ranking officials. The case seems to be settled, the parties appointed to investigate it, viz., the Military Governor of the Yunnan, Li Shih, and the President of the Board of Pensions, Li Shih, have decided to come to a decision on account of the high pressure of the Fifth Prince, and it is expected that the case will be closed in a few days.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1882.

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